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FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM THE SECRETARY

QUOTE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

AT WORKING DINNER GIVEN SATURDAY NIGHT BY GROMYKO, I WAS CHARGED BY ALLIED FOREIGN MINISTERS TO MAKE ENTIRELY CLEAR THE THREE THINGS WHICH THE WEST WOULD NOT RPT NOT DO: 1) GIVE UP OCCUPATION RIGHTS WITH RIGHTS OF ACCESS;

2) GIVE UP MAINTENANCE OF TROOPS AS SYMBOL OF SUCH RIGHTS IN BERLIN; AND

3) RECOGNIZE THE EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

AFTER POINT OUT TO GROMYKO THAT THE SOVIETS HAD REPEATEDLY REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE WESTERN PEACE PLAN AS A WHOLE OR EVEN OUR PROPOSALS ON BERLIN SEPARATELY, I SAID IT WAS NECESSARY THERE SHOULD BE NO RPT NO MISUNDERSTANDING IN REGARD TO WHAT WE WOULD DISCUSS. AFTER MAKING MY STATEMENT WHICH WAS BACKED UP BY COUVE DE MURVILLE AND SELWYN LLOYD WE REITERATED THAT WITHIN THE BOUNDS LAID DOWN WE WERE READY TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING, I SUGGESTED INFORMAL SESSION FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITHIN LIMITATIONS OUTLINED. THIS GROMYKO ACCEPTED AND MEETING SET FOR HIS HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON.

THE TEXT OF THE WORKING PAPER WHICH WAS USED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE DINNER HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT

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BUT NO RPT NO DISTRIBUTION MADE EVEN AMONG FOREIGN MINISTERS.
HOPE I WILL BE ABLE TO REPORT SOME PROGRESS AFTER TODAY'S
MEETING.

FAITHFULLY,

SIGNED: CHRIS

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